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## City of Milwaukee Health Department Announces Dates and Locations for 18th Annual Back-to-School Health Fairs

Health fairs to be held August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Washington High School and August 9<sup>th</sup> at Journey House

MILWAUKEE – With school season right around the corner, Mayor Tom Barrett and the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) have announced that the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Back-to-School Health Fairs will be held on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> on the city's Northside at Washington High School (2525 N. Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53210), and, Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> on the city's Southside at Journey House (2110 W. Scott St., Milwaukee, WI 53204). Both events will run from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

"The Back-to-School Health Fairs are great community events with an important purpose. We want every student to begin the school year healthy, immunized, and ready to learn," Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barret said. "The Back-to-School Health Fairs are team efforts that connect families with a variety of services, all of which make Milwaukee stronger."

The health fairs are presented by the MHD and sponsored by Anthem, Children's Community Health Plan, Molina Healthcare, MHS Health Wisconsin, UnitedHealthcare, United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County, and Independent Care Health Plan (iCare).

Services at each fair include school-required vaccinations for children without private insurance as well as lead testing, vision screenings, blood pressure and blood sugar checks, back-to-school professional haircuts sponsored by Anthem, professional hairstyles sponsored by MHD, and much more!

"We are delighted to bring this much needed resource back to the community. 2018 was a challenging year for the health department so we were not able to offer our Annual Back-to-School Health Fairs due to the amount of planning and coordination across partners. There has been a groundswell of support to bring these fairs back; from Mayor Tom Barrett, the Common Council, healthcare organizations, and community based organizations, among others. We are committed to providing access to resources by making sure that the health fairs are located on the north and south sides of town. We are thankful for everyone that has donated and volunteered," Commissioner of Health Dr. Jeanette Kowalik said.

Free backpacks and school supplies will be provided, while supplies last, to children with an up-to-date shot record and lead screenings (on-site vaccinations and lead screenings will be available). Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to receive gifts and services. For more information, please call (414) 286-5747 or visit milwaukee.gov/BTSHF2019.





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TWO fun-filled days for children, families, and the community!

This event is FREE and open to the public.

















Friday, August 2, 2019

Washington High School 2525 N. Sherman Blvd., 53210

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Children must be present!





Friday, August 9, 2019

Journey House 2110 W. Scott St., 53204

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